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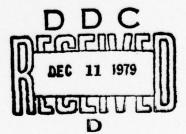
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Improved motivation and retention of a high quality officer corps within the Army will depend in part on the quality of the system which matches the Army's force structure requirements with the individual Army officer's career needs. In order to better understand the functioning of the current system and to conduct research on officer career progression, a computerized experimental research facility was designed and implemented at ARI. This facility (described by Van Nostrand in a report in preparation) allows ARI scientists to experiment (1) with systems for presenting career information and guidance tailored to the individual officer, (2) with the technology of personnel file review and updating, and (3) with other aspects of information system technology.

As part of this experimental system, a job assignment module was designed to allocate individuals to job categories according to each individual's suitability. The module is primarily the work of Dr. Robert Eastman (Eastman, 1977), based on the earlier work by Ford and Fulkerson (1957) and Granda and McMullen (1974). It is an assignment algorithm designed to reflect and be flexible to changes in Army policy and was developed with two potential users in mind:

- Individual officers who would use it to make decisions in expressing their assignment preferences.
- 2) Officer Personnel Directorate management, particularly assignment officers, who would use it as an aid in making assignments.

Assignment polices are quantified and individuals' scores for jobs are determined in the following manner:

- Step 1. The assignment officers determine the categories of jobs to which individuals will be assigned.
- Step 2. Easily retrievable background variables which enter into the assignment decisionmaking process are identified.
- Step 3. The assignment officers rate the overall importance of each of the background variables for each of the job categories, thus setting up a table of weights.
- Step 4. For each background variable, a set of features exists which includes all the possible states describing an individual's background in that variable. Assignment officers weigh each of these features for its negative, positive, or null importance for each job category. These weights are consistent within a single variable; the relative importance among variables is reflected in the table of weights set up in Step 3.

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Step 5. The appropriate product weights (feature weight x variable weight) summed across all background variables for each job category are determined for each individual officer from the available background data in order to obtain a utility score for each of the job categories. These utility scores are standardized to permit comparison among job categories.

Officers can be allocated to job categories in three ways: optimization of scores for assigned jobs for the total group; preselection of some individuals particularly suited for certain assignments and then optimization of the remainder; rank ordering of the individuals by their total scores (across job categories) followed by preselection and optimization.

DATA AND TABLES OF WEIGHTS

Two kinds of information are necessary to operate the assignment algorithm: data on individuals, and tables of weights which determine how these data should be used in assignments. The first comes from the officers' records, while the second is determined by the assignment officers. This discussion will use examples from research application of the algorithm for Infantry and Quartermaster assignments.

JOB CATEGORIES

The first step in setting up the tables of weights is to isolate the job categories. The assignment officer identifies basic types of jobs to which individuals must be assigned. For the Infantry, eight such categories were found: ROTC instructor (ROTC), civilian education (CE), long tour overseas (LT), short tour overseas (ST), CONUS¹ command (CC), CONUS staff (CS), Army school instructor (I), and reduction in force (RIF). The same categories were used for Quartermaster assignments with the exception of CONUS command; for Quartermasters the category of command (C) included both CONUS and overseas tours. One potential job category, military education, was not used in either the Infantry or the Quartermaster research. In both cases, the subject populations were the graduating classes of the advanced course and not due for another military education assignment.

BACKGROUND VARIABLES

Next the assignment officer chooses the background variables which should influence the job category to which an individual officer should be assigned. The set of variables for the Infantry and Quartermaster officers were preferences for next assignment (PREF), civilian education level (CEL), component (COMP), manner of performance (MOP), time in service (TIS), and previous assignment history (EXP). Military education level was excluded because the military education level was the same for all individuals and thus had no predictive value.

CONUS = Continental U.S.

WEIGHTS OF BACKGROUND VARIABLES FOR JOB CATEGORIES

Each of these background variables has a different importance for each of the job categories. For example, for RIF, component was at one time very important because Regular Army officers were not vulnerable to RIF. However, recent changes in the law have removed this protection and now component is unimportant for RIF. To reflect the importance of the background variables in assigning individuals to jobs, each background variable is given a weight of importance for each job category in a table, such as that in Table 1. While a scale of O-lO was used here, any positive scale ranging from zero to a three-digit number could be used. The program calls for six background variables and eight job categories, although "dummies" can be used if fewer of either are desired. A larger number of either would require changes to the program.

FEATURES OF BACKGROUND VARIABLES AND THEIR WEIGHTS

The possible features of each of the background variables for determining job assignments must be defined. Each background variable can have as few potential features as desired; however, no more than 10 features can be used without changes to the program. A sample set of features appears in Table 2. These features need not be and usually are not numerical values; rather, many are simply descriptive statements of the individual's background. For the features, a second table of weights is determined by the assignment officer. The weights reflect relative importance of each feature within a variable for each job category. For example, the civilian education part of such a table is given in Table 3. These weights can take on negative and positive values, from a minus three digits to a plus four digits, although a scale of -10 to +10 was used here. For example, for an officer who has less than two years of college, the chances for an Army instructorship are very small; that particular Civilian Education Level counts against the job with a -5 weight. Each added educational degree increases the chances of getting an instructorship.

Without this system of double weighting, the only table needed would be a table of possible background variable features weighted for each job category. However, in this one table the importance of each possible feature would have to be decided upon relative to every other possible background variable feature. For example, having a master's degree would have to be weighted against a preference for CONUS staff jobs, having spent 80 months in the Army, etc., for each job. With the double weighting system, the weights of the features must be consistent only within the corresponding background variable and the assignment officer need not take the other background variables into account when weighting the features of one background variable. The weights of the background variables themselves must be relative to each other only within a job category.

Table 1
SAMPLE WEIGHTS OF BACKGROUND VARIABLES FOR JOB CATEGORIES

				Job Categories	gories				1
Background Variables	ROTC Instructor (ROTC)	Civilian Education (CE)	Long Tour (LT)	Short Tour (SI)	Command (CC)	CONUS Staff (CS)	Instructor (I)	RIF	
Preferences (PREF)	5	5	5	8	7	00	7	1	1
Civilian Education Level (CEL)	01	10	8	8	a	#	9	М	
Component (COMP)	80	8	a	a	æ	α	N	0	
Manner of Performance (MOP)	of	10	5	10	α	9	00	on	
Time in Service (TIS)	. 1	2	~	10	7	5	5	7	
Assignment History (EXP)	10	7	2	7	9	7	00	5	
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Table 2

FEATURES OF THE SIX BACKGROUND VARIABLES USED IN THE QUARTERMASTER RESEARCH

Preference (PREF)

- 0 = None
- 1 = overseas
- 2 = command
- 3 = civilian education
- 4 = CONUS instructor
- 5 = CONUS staff
- 6 = preferences overriden by being on RIF list

Civilian Education Level (CEL)

- 1 = less than 2 years of college
- 2 = 2 or more years of college
- 3 = college graduate and/or a year or more of graduate school
- 4 = master's or professional degree
- 5 = Ph.D.

Component (COMP)

- 1 = Regular Army
- 2 = Other than Regular Army

Manner of Performance (MOP)

- 1 = upper third
- 2 = middle third
- 3 = lower third
- 4 = borderline cases between middle and lower third or extenuating circumstances for being in lower third

Time in Service (TIS)

- 1 = 95 or more months active federal commissioned service
- 2 = 80-94 months
- 3 = 65-79 months
- 4 = 64 or fewer months
- 5 = over 156 months active federal service

Assignment History (EXP)

- 1 = no command; not up for a short tour
- 2 = two or more short tours or just back from a short tour
- 3 = zero overseas or 72 months since a single short tour
- 4 = just back from a long tour
- 5 = RIF list or one time passover for promotion; overrides other factors
- 6 = needs a long tour

Table 3

SAMPLE WEIGHTS OF CIVILIAN EDUCATION LEVEL FEATURES FOR JOB CATEGORIES

Civilian Education Level (CEL)			Jol	Cat	egor	cies		
	ROTC	CE	LT	ST	сс	cs	I	RIF
less than 2 years of college	-10	0	0	0	0	0	- 5	3
2 or more years of college	-10	10	0	0	0	0	0	1
college graduate and/or a year or more of graduate school	5	3	0	0	0	0	6	0
master's or professional degree	6	- 9	0	0	0	0	8	-1
Ph.D.	10	-10	0	0	0	0	10	-2

INDIVIDUAL DATA

It may be noticed in Table 2 that each feature of a background variable is assigned a different number from the weights in Table 3. This number is simply a convention for identification, much as football players are assigned numbers. In determining an individual officer's data, the personnel records are carefully studied and the identifying numbers which best describe each situation are assigned. Thus each officer's data consist of some sort of identifier and six numbers that identify the feature of each background variable which is descriptive of this individual.

SUMMARY

Three sets of information have been identified:

- 1. The individuals' data--the codes representing the particular features of the background variables (see Table 2).
- The table of weights of background variables for job categories-the measures of the overall importance of the different
 general kinds of background experience in determining assignments (see Table 1).
- 3. The table of weights of features of background variables for job categories--the relative importance of the different features of a background variable for each job category (see Table 3).

OTHER PARAMETERS

JOB QUOTAS

Ten other parameters must be specified. One parameter is the set of job quotas, the number of jobs available within each job category. The algorithm requires that the total number of jobs be equal to the number of individuals assigned.

NUMBER OF FEATURES, NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS, NUMBER OF JOB CATEGORIES

As discussed earlier, each background variable can have up to 10 features; the set of the actual number of features of each of the six background variables must be entered as the second parameter. The total number of individuals (up to 200 without changes in the program) assigned is the third parameter, the number of job categories the fourth.

DESCRIPTION OF PRESELECTION: IDIF, KDIF, LADDIF

The next parameters require discussion on how the algorithm works. Three allocation methods can be run. The first optimizes scores across job categories. The second and third preselect certain individuals and then assign the rest. The preselection takes place as follows:

First, scores are calculated for each individual for each job. For each category, this is done by multiplying the overall weight of each background variable by the weight associated with the individual's feature for the corresponding background variable. The products are then summed to produce a single score for the job category. This process is repeated using the appropriate weights for each of the job categories. After determining the scores of all officers assigned for each of the job categories, the scores are standardized as follows: The range of possible (not actual) scores received by the officers within each job category is determined. The minimum possible score for that job category is also determined. Then the minimum score is subtracted from the officer's score for a job category, the answer is multiplied by 1000, and that product is divided by the range. Preselection uses these standardized scores.

The basic idea of preselection is to allocate officers who are especially well qualified for a certain job to that job. In optimizing scores, there is no guarantee that individuals will be assigned to their highest scored jobs. An officer is "especially well qualified" for job A, as defined by the assignment algorithm, if the score for job A is the highest score that that individual has and it is greater than any other score of that same individual by at least an amount called IDIF. IDIF is a parameter defined by the assignment officer. It can be any positive number. IDIF is set at whatever value the user feels is appropriate to differentiate officers particularly well suited for one job category from officers who might be reasonably equally suited for several job categories.

The algorithm allows the user to increase IDIF automatically during the running of the program, putting out a set of assignments at each value of IDIF. This is done by setting the parameter IADDIF to the amount by which the user wants IDIF to be increased for each allocation cycle. A third parameter KDIF is then set as the maximum value the experimenter wishes IDIF to reach before ending the program. If only one allocation is desired IADDIF can be set to 0 and KDIF can be set equal to IDIF. IDIF may be thought of as a threshold for preselection, IADDIF as a just noticeable difference (jnd), and KDIF as a maximum.

QUOTAS FOR OPTIMIZATION

In running the assignment algorithm, the user also has the option of limiting the number of officers who can be assigned by preselection for each group. This is done by entering, as an eighth parameter, minimum quotas for the job categories which must be assigned by the optimization method. Then the preselection subroutine will assign qualified individuals until the quotas are met; any qualified individual found after quotas are met is ignored by the preselection subroutine. If not enough individuals have scores greater by IDIF for a job category, the algorithm makes no attempt to meet the quotas; the quotas are a limit, not a goal.

IOPTIO

One way to run the algorithm without preselection is to make the minimum quotas assigned by optimization equal to the quotas for the job categories themselves. However, this would not bypass the preselection subroutine; it would just make it futile. The more efficient method is to use the IOPTIO parameter: if IOPTIO=1, allocation is made using both preselection and optimization subroutines; if IOPTIO=2, allocation is done using only the optimization subroutine; if IOPTIO=3, individuals assigned are rank-ordered first and then allocated by preselection and optimization.

The third IOPTIO option should be discussed further. The rank-ordering is performed by adding together an individual's scores across the first seven job categories and then rank-ordering the summed scores. Objective is to rank-order people according to their overall merit in the belief that a person more fitted to many jobs is somehow "better" than one less fitted. Because RIF is a negative job--that is, people well-fitted for RIF are less well-fitted for other jobs--the algorithm does not add the scores for the eight job category, RIF, when performing this rank ordering.

One other peculiarity of this third option should be mentioned: when scores are rank-ordered and then allocated by the preselection subroutine, the "best" and "worst" individuals are tested for preselection first. In other words, the preselection subroutine does not start at

the beginning of the rank-ordered group and go to the end. Instead, it proceeds in the following manner.

The subroutine takes a matrix of individual ID numbers and scores, such as:

Individual Scores by Job Category

Individual ID No.	ROTC	CE	LT	ST	С	cs	I	RIF
1	625	937	808	529	211	721	324	034
2	802	209	601	595	492	600	734	œı
3	035	534	603	649	211	529	804	321
14	œ3	769	502	324	211	742	069	926
5	426	321	œ1	226	301	230	123	993

This subroutine then checks the first individual. If a score exists at least IDIF larger than any other score for this individual, and if slots are still available in that job category for filling by preselection, the following occurs: The subroutine assigns the individual to that job category; decrements number of slots available in that job category; decrements the number of people to be assigned; and exchanges the row of this individual in the matrix with the last row in the matrix not yet assigned. The subroutine does not move to the next row of the matrix until the new top row has been rejected for preselection. For example, in the matrix above during the first pass, the subroutine would look at the first row and see that the CE score was at least 129 points greater than all other scores. Let us say the IDIF equals 100 and the CE quota is still open. Then the matrix after the first pass would look like this:

Individual Scores by Job Category

Individual ID No.	ROTC	CE	LT	ST	С	cs	I	RIF
5	426	321	021	226	301	230	123	993
2	802	209	601	595	492	600	734	021
3	035	534	603	649	211	529	804	321
14	023	769	502	324	211	742	069	926
1	625	937*	808	529	211	721	324	034

^{*}Assignment has been made

Now we see that for officer 5, the RIF score meets the criteria; if the RIF quota has not yet been filled, the matrix changes to:

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Individual ID No.	ROTC	CE	LT	ST	С	CS	I	RIF	_
4	023	769	500	324	211	742	069	926	
2	802	209	601	595	492	600	734	œ1	
3	035	534	603	649	211	529	804	321	
5	426	321	œ1	226	301	230	123	993*	
1	625	937*	808	529	211	721	324	034	

^{*} Assignment has been made

Now the RIF score again meets the criteria, but let us say the quota for RIF preselection is complete. Therefore, the matrix remains as is and we now look at the next row, officer 2. No score meets the criterion, so the matrix remains the same. The I score for officer 3 meets the criteria. However, as there is no other row which has not been assigned, the matrix remains the same although the number of people to be assigned by optimization is decremented. The optimization subroutine behaves as if the matrix of scores had only as many rows in it as the number of people remaining to be assigned—in this case, two.

JPRINT

The final parameter which must be entered into the program is the JPRINT option. If the JPRINT option equals 1, all entered data, the raw (non-standard) scores, and the standardized scores and program results are printed out. If JPRINT=2, only the standardized scores and program results are printed.

SUMMARY

Each of these different parameters must be entered into the program before it is run:

Job Quotas
The number of features of each background variable
Number of individuals
Number of job categories
IDIF
IADDIF
KDIF

Minimum number of slots within each job category to be assigned by optimization IOPTIO JPRINT

The format for the data and the parameters can be found in Appendix A, Program Reference Sheets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT ALGORITHM PROGRAM

The assignment algorithm is a FORTRAN program which runs on the UNIVAC 1108 with the EXEC 8 operating system (See Appendix B, Program Listings). The main program, MODOTT, controls the calling of the five subroutines: INPUT, OTT, PRESEL, RANKR, and CALCU.

The first subroutine, called INPUT, reads the data and the parameters from cards and calculates the raw and standardized scores. If JPRINT=1, INPUT prints out the raw data and raw scores; if JPRINT=2, this printing is skipped. In either case the table of standardized scores is printed out. INPUT also calculates and prints out the means and standard deviation of the scores for each job category.

After INPUT, MODOTT checks IOPTIO and calls RANKR if IOPTIO=3. RANKR rank orders the individual data rows according to the total scores (not including the eighth column, RIF scores), as discussed earlier. If IOPTIO=3 or after RANKR, MODOTT assigns ID numbers to each individual and prints out the job quotas and the IOPTIO option. If IOPTIO=1 or =3, PRESEL is called; otherwise MODOTT skips to OTT.

The manner in which PRESEL allocates officers has already been described in the discussion of the third IOPTIO option. The printed output of the PRESEL subroutine is a set of two lists: one consists of the identifiers and the two highest scored job categories of those officers who were preselected for certain assignments and the other consists of the identifiers and two highest scored job categories for those to be assigned by optimization. After assigning as many officers as consistent with the scores and the quotas, PRESEL returns to MODOTT which immediately calls OTT to finish the allocation by optimization.

OTT is the optimization subroutine. It is based on the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm (1957) which has been modified over the years by several people in the ARI computer center (Granda and McMullen, 1974). It works on a classification problem where there are N individuals to be assigned to J job categories where N is greater than J, each job category has a quota $\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{j}}$ of individuals to be assigned to it, the sum

of all the quotas is equal to N ($_{j=1}^{\Sigma}$ Q_j = N), and no individual can be assigned to more than one job category.

Let i refer to the individual number
j refer to job category number
Si; refer to the score of individual i for job j

Xij refer to an index which is set to 1 when individual i is assigned to job j and to 0 when individual is not assigned to job j.

OTT then maximizes M:

$$M = \begin{cases} j & N \\ \sum \sum \sum i=1 \\ i=1 \end{cases} X_{ij} S_{ij}$$

CALCU is called to find the allocation average for the set of assignments by adding the individuals' scores for jobs they were actually assigned to and dividing by the number of individuals. The allocation average is a measure of how well the optimization has worked.

MODOTT then prints out the final assignments and the allocation average. It adds IADDIF to IDIF, and if IDIF is less than or equal to KDIF, MODOTT goes back to the point at which ID numbers are assigned and begins again. If IDIF is greater than KDIF, the program ends.

DISCUSSION

Although the assignment algorithm was designed and used for modeling the behavior of an assignment officer, it is not limited to this application. The algorithm can be applied to any case which fits the double weighting scheme. Indeed, the second set of weights (those of the features of background variables for job categories in these applications) would not have to be "weights" in the sense used so far. The weights could be, for instance, scores or percentiles, although this would be most practical if scores or percentiles were limited to ten or less.

The assignment algorithm does not assign individuals against specific requisitions. Postal officer, mortuary officer, and personnel officer all might fall under "CONUS staff." Assignments to Fort Bragg, Fort Benning, and Fort Bliss might all be "command." This non-assignment to the actual job is not as great a failing as it might seem. After officers reach their new post, they are often assigned other jobs based on the commander's view of the unit's needs. However, it is theoretically possible to increase job categories to deal with actual jobs. This would simply require very large matrices of weights, very large computers, and very long run times. See Granda and McMullen, 1974, for a discussion of this problem.

Assigning officers to specific geographic locations (e.g., Fort Hood, Fort Jackson) might be accomplished by addition of a subroutine to maximize number of officer geographic preferences matched with specific locations, after the officers had been assigned to appropriate job categories.

Even without ability to assign against specific requisitions, the assignment algorithm could be used by assignment officers as a first pass to divide officers into tentative groups of assignment categories from which the assignment officer could work. This might be particularly helpful where large numbers of assignments are being processed at once, such as in large branches or first assignments of second lieutenants.

A possible use of the assignment algorithm by individual officers within the career progression system framework is shown in Figure 1. In this case, the algorithm would be one module within a career progression system running on a computer accessible by both management (assignment officers) and individual officers, although it is not necessary for either to have access to all of the system. Under this scheme, individuals, having discovered their probable job categories (which might be something like the two job categories which the subroutine PRESEL produces) could have feedback into the assignment process by reevaluating their preferences before these preferences are fed into the final running of the algorithm.

If the assignment algorithm were not adopted for use by management in the actual assigning of jobs, it might still be useful within the career progression system as a tool for individuals to use to predict possible assignments they might receive. Perhaps this could be done prior to filling out preference forms for next assignment.

The algorithm would be more easily used if the individuals' data did not have to be coded by hand. If the computer could read an individual's file and code it properly for the algorithm, the most time-consuming part of the process would disappear. Since much of the personnel data in the Army is computerized, this is not impossible. For example, the computer could code the time in service variable from the Officer Master Tape Record. Assignment history would be much more difficult to code, but if the algorithm is to be used, the effort would be worth it.

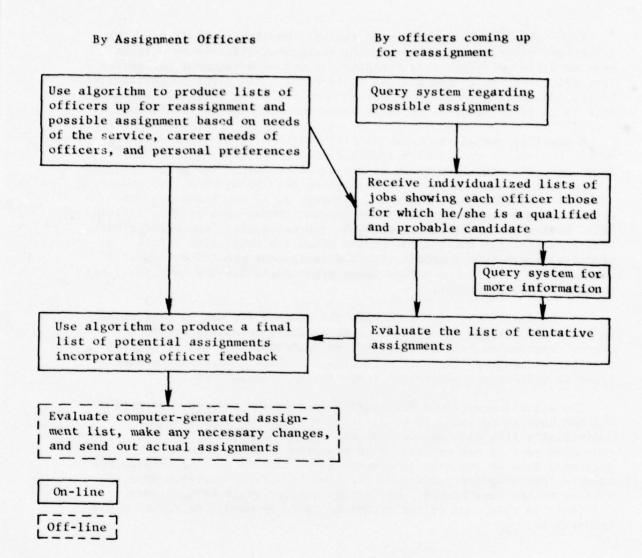


Figure 1. Possible use of the algorithm

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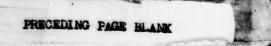
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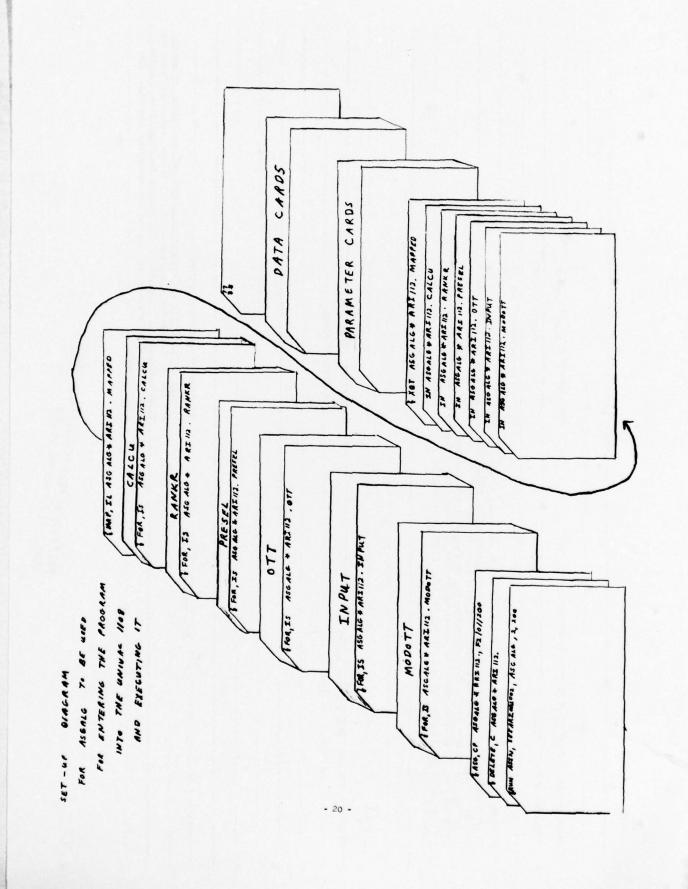
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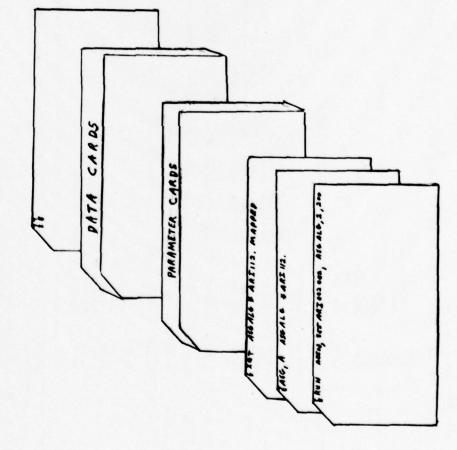
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6 IF(IC(II:JJ) + 2)52:17:18

7 IF(JROW(II) + 2)52:19:18
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D0 20 JJ = 1*K

IF(IC(II:4J) + 1)52*21*20

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30 CONTINUE
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32 CONTINUE
32 IF (M H) 52,22,3
32 IF (M H) 52,22,3
33 IF (M H) 54,32,33
33 DO 37 JM; K
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34 IF (IMIN-IC(1,3)) 37,37,35
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51 FORMAT (49H SIZE OF POOL INCONSISTENT WITH ASSIGNMENTS //2112
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58 CONTINUE
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35 IF(IC(T+J))37,52,36
36 IMIN # IC(I+J)
37 CONTINUE
38 CONTINUE
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